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Human rights questions: report of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights

Report of the Third Committee*

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1. At its 19th plenary meeting, on 20 September 2002, the General Assembly, on the recommendation of the General Committee, decided to include in the agenda of its fifty-seventh session, under the item entitled "Human rights questions", the sub-item entitled "Report of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights" and to allocate it to the Third Committee.

2. The Third Committee considered the sub-item at its 33rd to 38th and 40th to 46th meetings, from 4 to 8 and on 11 and 12 November 2002. At its 34th to 38th and 40th to 46th meetings, the Committee held a general discussion on sub-item 109 (e) jointly with sub-items (b) and (c). An account of the Committee's discussion is contained in the relevant summary records (A/C.3/57/SR.33-38 and 40-46).

3. For the documents before the Committee under this sub-item, see A/57/556.

4. At the 33rd meeting, on 4 November, the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights made an introductory statement. The Committee engaged in a dialogue with the High Commissioner, in which the representatives of Poland, Denmark, Italy, Brazil, Malaysia, Argentina, Egypt, China, Japan, Cuba, the Sudan, Burkina Faso, Suriname, Switzerland, Pakistan, the Islamic Republic of Iran, Mexico and Indonesia took part (see A/C.3/57/SR.33).

5. No action was taken under sub-item 109 (e).

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